

Regarding H.R 4026 and the attempt to limit satellite radio from providing local weather and traffic, this is a service that is much needed, and not provided by local stations in a timely manner. In order to obtain "real time" (when you need it) traffic information from local stations, you must continuously scan the dial in hope of finding a traffic report before you get stuck beyond the exit of no return, or suffer through up to 15 minutes of the inane chit chat of local stations "personalities" on lowest common denominator commercials. Satellite radio provides current up to date traffic information when you need it.

Apparently local broadcasters want things to stay the same. No new competition, no upgrading to new technologies and now with near unlimited station ownership, near universal blandness with no competition. Maybe rather than complain about the new technologies edging in on "their turf", the national conglomerates (sorry, "local" stations should be investing in newer technologies such as RDS that has been deployed in Europe for years.

I hope that you see fit to oppose the limitations on, and in fact push for expansion of satellite radio's services to local markets.